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In a January 1950 conference of the editorial staff of the newspaper, Neue Zeit, Communist party paper in Linz, chief editor Schueller mentioned that, according to information from the Central Committee, intensified cooperation with the Socialist Party of Austria has recently been effected. Much headway has also been made among labor union members and in enterprises where close cooperation of the workers made the activity of the Association of the Independents (VdU) subside. An outstanding success to set an example to all workers in Austria was scored in the Voest Plant and the Nitrogen Plant in Linz. Although the VdU had polled about 45 percent of the votes in the Voest Plant and had attained a majority in the Nitrogen Plant, skilful cooperation between Socialists and Communists and such manipulations as cancellation of votes on grounds of **defective forms pre-**vented VdU members from being elected chairmen of the employees councils of these plants and assured that only Communists or Socialists are represented. This successful action earned the Upper Austrian provincial board special recognition by the Vienna Central Committee.

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